IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

Joseph C. Elliott,)
Petitioner,) Case No. 1:04-CV-780
vs.)
Patrick Hurley,)
Respondent.)

Order Adopting Report and Recommendation

On October 13, 2005, United States Magistrate Judge
Timothy S. Black issued a Report and Recommendation pursuant to
which he recommended, inter alia, that Petitioner's motion for
leave to stay these proceedings (Doc. 15) be denied and that
Petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus (Doc. 3) be
dismissed. Petitioner has not objected to the Magistrate Judge's
recommendation within the time allotted, and the Court finds no
plain error in the Magistrate Judge's analysis. Accordingly, the
Court hereby ADOPTS the Report and Recommendation in its
entirety. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b). Petitioner's petition for
writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 is hereby
DISMISSED with prejudice on the ground that Petitioner has waived
his sole ground for relief. Petitioner's motion for leave to
stay these proceedings (Doc. 15) is hereby DENIED.

A certificate of appealability shall not issue with respect to this Order because jurists of reason would not find it debatable whether this Court is correct in its procedural

rulings. <u>See Slack v. McDaniel</u>, 529 U.S. 473, 484-85 (2000). The Court hereby **CERTIFIES**, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3), that an appeal from this Order would not be taken in "good faith," and therefore **DENIES** Petitioner leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal. <u>See Kincade v. Sparkman</u>, 117 F.3d 949, 952 (6th Cir. 1997); Fed. R. App. P. 24(a). This action is **CLOSED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/
Sandra S. Beckwith, Chief Judge
United States District Court